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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Andre DeHon, et al ) Group Art No.: 2825  
Application No: 10/643,772 )  
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For: "Element Placement ) Re: **Election**  
Method ..." )  
 ) Our Ref: B-5138NP 621046-7  
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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated November 14, 2005, a reply to which is initially due by December 14, 2005. Please consider the following remarks with respect to the subject application. All remarks herein are made without prejudice.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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